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CLAIM NO. 7002 2410 0005 0647 5672

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Dear Mr. Pakala and Ms. Coleman:

AMENDMENT TO TIME SCHEDULE TO UPGRADE THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 16, PIRU WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, 2815 EAST TELEGRAPH ROAD, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 71-035, CI-5714)

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the tentative Time Schedule Order (TSO), distributed previously with our letter of May 25, 2007 (Copy Attached) have been revised to include further clarification. Therefore, we are sending the revised TSO for additional public review and comment.

Background

Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (VCWWD16) owns the Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant (Plant) located at 2815 East Telegraph Road in an unincorporated area of Ventura County, California. The Plant is operated and maintained by the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) under contract with VCWWD16. The VCWWD16 and VRSD are both subject to the Waste Discharge Requirements contained in the Order No. R4-2004-0032 (Order) and are herein after identified as the Discharger.

Final treated effluent from the Plant is discharged to groundwater through two percolation ponds under requirements in the Order, adopted by this Regional Board on January 29, 2004. The existing Plant can not produce a treated effluent similar in quality to that produced by secondary wastewater treatment processes as required by the USEPA for Publicly Owned Treatment Works. However, recognizing that the Discharger can not meet effluent limits for biological oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), and total nitrogen (nitrate + nitrite + ammonium + organic nitrogen) until Plant upgrades were completed, interim effluent limits were established for these constituents in the Order. Also, the Order contains a provision that an exceedance of the effluent limit for chloride does not constitute a violation if the Discharger provides supporting documentation that it is caused by domestic water supply.

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The Discharger has decided to construct a new Plant instead of upgrading the existing Plant. The Discharger plans to construct a new Plant and decommission the existing Plant once the new Plant is in operation. The new Plant will use micro-membrane technology, will provide nitrification-denitrification capabilities, and will increase the design treatment capacity from a daily dry weather average flow of 260,000 gallons per day (gpd) to up to 500,000 gdp for the new Plant. The interim period for compliance with the interim effluent limits and completing the Plant upgrade construction was from January 29, 2004 to March 30, 2007. The Order also states that in the event that the proposed upgrade is delayed by events occurring beyond the Discharger's control, the Regional Board Executive Officer may extend the time schedule by one time period, not to exceed six months, in order to achieve full compliance with these requirements. On April 18, 2007 (Copy Attached) under authority of section D.2. of the Order, the Executive Officer granted a six-month time extension until September 30, 2007, the maximum extension allowed by D.2. The extension request was granted because the Discharger encountered difficulties to fund the estimated \$9.4 million project. The Discharger stated that several funding alternatives, including the State Revolving Fund (SRF), Certificates of Participation (HUD section 108), and the Small Communities Wastewater Grant Program (SCG), were considered. As of May 10, 2007, the Discharger has secured all funding necessary to construct the new Plant but needs additional time to construct the new Plant and decommission the old Plant.

Regional Board staff has reviewed all information related to the Discharger's request, and prepared tentative TSO No. R4-2007-XXXX.

Hearing Location and Expected Action

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Water Board (Board) will conduct a public hearing on September 6, 2007, to be held at 9:00 a.m., **at the Metropolitan Water District, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California**, to consider adoption at the enclosed tentative Time Schedule Order (TSO) and written comments regarding any or all requirements thereof. It is expected that the Regional Board will take action at the hearing, however, as testimony indicates, the Regional Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Deadline for Comments

Persons wishing to comment upon the tentative requirements are invited to submit comments in writing to the above address by the close of business August 15, 2007, in order to be evaluated by Regional Board staff and to be included in the Regional Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will be provided, ex-agenda, to the Regional Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that the Regional Board members have sufficient time

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to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. Comments received after the requested date may result in delay in consideration of the tentative Order.

A copy of the tentative requirements for the use of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District is attached. We are sending a hard copy of the tentative requirements to the addressee only. For recipient on the mailing list, an electronic copy is available at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/all_tentative_permits.html. A hard copy of the tentative requirement can be furnished upon request.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Mr. Orlando H. González at (213) 620-2267.

Sincerely,

Rodney H. Nelson, Unit Chief
Groundwater Permitting and Landfills

Enclosure: Tentative Amended TSO R4-2007-XXXX

cc: Mr. Patrick Lan, State Water Resource Control Board
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Ventura County Waterworks Districts
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